

30-Day Countdown – Reinstatement of Prior Authorization Requirements for 46 Drug Classes Including Medical Supplies

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What is Happening?

On February 24, 2023, prior authorization (PA) requirements will be reinstated for 46 additional Standard Therapeutic Classes (STCs), including medical supplies, for new start prescriptions for beneficiaries 22 years of age and older. “New starts” are defined as new therapies or medications not previously prescribed to the beneficiary during the 15-month lookback period.

Phase II, Wave 2 (P2/W2) will complete the reinstatement of PA requirements for new start prescriptions for beneficiaries 22 years of age and older. However, Medi-Cal Rx will continue to utilize PA and claims data to allow for grandfathering of previously approved PAs until Phase III of Reinstatement, as announced in the alert [90-Day Countdown – Phase III: Retirement of the Transition Policy for Beneficiaries 22 Years of Age and Older.](#)



- New starts, for beneficiaries 21 years of age and younger within these 46 STCs, including medical supplies, will not be subject to PA reinstatement in Phase II.



- Do not submit PA requests prior to February 24, 2023 for drugs or products in one of the following 46 STCs, including medical supplies, that will require a PA. If submitted, the PA request will be returned with a message that no PA is required.

Phase II, Wave 2 Drug Classes		
Adrenergics	B Complex with Vitamin C	Laxatives
All Other Antiobesity Preps	Bile Therapy	Mineralocorticoids
Allergens	Bronchodilators	Oxytocics
Amphetamine Preparations	Chloramphenicol	Parasympathetic Agents
Anesthetics Gen Inhalant	CNS Stimulants	Psychostimulants- Antidepressant
Anesthetics Gen Inject	Coal Tar	Rauwolfias
Anticonvulsants	Cold and Cough Preparations	Sedative Barbiturate
Antidiarrheals	Contraceptives, Non-Systemic	Sedative Non-Barbiturate
Antidotes	Cough Preparations/Expectorants	Trimethoprim
Antihistamines	Diagnostics	Vaginal Cleansers
Antinauseants	Digestants	Vasodilators Peripheral
Antineoplastics	Emetics	Xanthine Derivatives
Antipruritics	Enzymes	Medical Supplies *
Antispasmodic and Anticholinergic Agents	Hematinics and Blood Cell Stimulators	Miscellaneous **
Antithyroid Preps	Hemorrhoidal Preparations	
Ataractics-Tranquilizers	Hemostatics	

* **Note:** Diabetic supplies, including testing supplies and insulin syringes, are included with Medical Supplies. Diabetic supplies also include Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) Systems and Disposable Insulin Delivery Devices (DIDDs), both of which require an approved Medi-Cal Rx PA for a paid claim. For more information regarding Medi-Cal Rx coverage of Medical Supplies, refer to the *Medical Supplies* section in the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual](#) and [Covered Products Lists](#) on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#).

** All other drugs not otherwise listed except for enteral nutrition products.

Resources

- For more information about P2/W2, refer to [Medi-Cal Rx Phase II – Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).
- For more information about Medi-Cal Rx Reinstatement, visit the [Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach](#) page on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#) and select **Medi-Cal Rx Reinstatement**.
- Review the [Medi-Cal Rx Reinstatement of Prior Authorizations and Retirement of the Transition Policy: Phases II, III, and IV](#) presentation.
- Refer to the [Medi-Cal Rx Bulletins & News](#) and [Medi-Cal Rx Forms & Information](#) pages for guidance on how to successfully submit PAs.
- Refer to the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual](#) for coverage policy and criteria.
- Assess business processes and workflows to account for the reinstatement of PA edits for the drug classes.

Contact Information

You can call the Medi-Cal Rx Customer Service Center (CSC) at 1-800-977-2273, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year.

For other questions, email Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach at MediCalRxEducationOutreach@magellanhealth.com.